

31. (New) A building unit as in claim 26 wherein said face comprises a surface variation mold therein.

REMARKS

In the May 18, 2007 Official Action, the Examiner asserts that the following groups of claims are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept, and according Applicant is required to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- Group 1, claims 1, 12-15 and 20 drawn to a building unit system with at least two different size/shape units.
- Group 2, claims 2-11 drawn to individual building units.
- Group 3, claims 16, 17 drawn to a unit with spacers.
- Group 4, claims 18, 19 drawn to a unit with connectors.
- Group 5, claims 21-23 drawn to a unit with line segments.
- Group 6, claims 24, 25 drawn to a unit with three vertices.

In response, Applicant elects Group 3, claims 16 and 17, and has restricted the claims of the present application to the invention of a unit with spacers.

Applicant requests reconsideration of Group 6, claims 24 and 25. These claims include the spacer feature, and accordingly it is submitted that Groups 3 and 6

should be combined. Reconsideration of Election/Restriction Requirement respectfully requested in this regard.

Applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, the remaining claims, namely claims 1-15 and 18-23. Applicant intends to file divisional applications directed to the unelected claim Groups at a later date, while the subject application remains pending.

New claims 26-31 have been added to more fully claim the inventive contributions of the Applicant.

A Substantial Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith along with copies of the non-U.S. references.

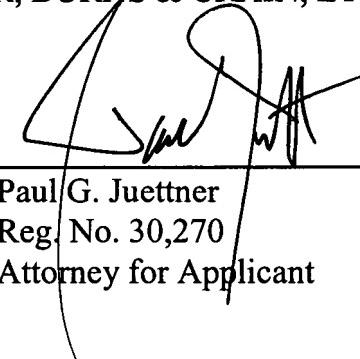
Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the Chapter II International Preliminary Examination Report issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the International Stage of the subject application. A courtesy copy is enclosed. Therein, an opinion after examination revealed that claims 16 and 17 met the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 16 and 17 are allowable as filed. It is further submitted that claims 23-24 and 26-31 are also allowable.

Early action and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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